

19 April 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR : [REDACTED]
Chief, Executive Staff, O/DDI

SUBJECT : OER Outside Contacts

REFERENCE : Your Memorandum of 13 April 1976,
Same Subject

1. OER maintains regular, though in some cases infrequent, contact with almost 200 academics at 80 universities. We also maintain contacts with some 12 "think tanks" ranging from the [REDACTED] Institute to [REDACTED]. Excluding contacts through [REDACTED] we regularly draw upon the knowledge of experts in 14 private companies -- mostly in the areas of energy and agriculture. In a typical year OER analysts will attend between ten and twenty seminars or conferences ranging from the American Economic Association's annual meetings to such specialized conferences as that on Latin American-United States Economic Interactions held at the University of Texas.

2. The great bulk of our university contacts are made by members of the China and USSR Divisions. It is no exaggeration to say that OER has dealings with all of the major communist-area scholars in this country. On general economic problems, the Office is in regular contact with a smaller number of well known economists such as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] In the area of energy and agriculture, OER is in close touch with a dozen top specialists at the universities and in industry.

3. If additional information is required, please contact the undersigned.

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Special Assistant to the D/OER